COUNTY FAIR

Popular Rural Play Which Has Delighted Thousands on Boards To-Morrow.

THE OLD-TIME MINSTRELS

Haverly's Sweet Singers at Casino All This Week-Murray and Mack,

the management of Messrs Sutherland and Tower, Neil Burgess will personally appear at every performance. that it is not necessary to comment upon determined that the "County Fair" is more they like it. This is proven by the remarkable run it had in New York of four years, and one year in Boston. There will be four horses in the race scene, with two carloads of scenery. It has never been overestimated; in fact, the half has never been told of its best points, the horses rather casting in the shade the delicious, homely, rural fun and sentiment with which it overflows. While the great race, as patented and performed by Mr. Burgoss, is no doubt a wonderful and original feature, having been lensed in the production of "Ben Hur," which has made such a wonderful run in the larger cities, and the merits of the "County Fair" do not require it. Features are the characteristics of times, though the live horses impart a pleasant thrill of excitement during their appearance. the remarkable run it had in New York

Gem of Rural Comedies. Homestead" shows its padding, for the weath of incident in this latter play precludes its dragging for a moment. Its country characters, while recognized as types and truths, are delightfully unfamiliar to the latter day and the artiess innocence which marvels at the idea of "watering stock" only once a year, and finds it impossible to believe that there are real, live bears on Wall Street, is most interesting. To become acquainted with the great character of Mr. Burgess as Abigal Prue renders so distinctly typical and enjoyable that we are more than satisfied with his impersonation. The character is that of the country old maid—not of the Boston variety—who makes mistakes in grammar and has ultra auburn hair, but who is never found wanting to turn the scales for justice. The mean farmer would have foreclosed her mortgage did not "Cold Molasses" win the race and the money to pay it off. Mr. Burgess will be supported with his full New York company, two carlonds of scenery and four race horses, at the Academy to-morrow night.

"Around the Town."

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Murray and Mack, the old favorites, are going again to pay us a visit here next Saturday, 'madnee and night, at the Academy, when they will present a new comedy, entitled "Around the Town."

Murray and Mack have made it a rule through their career to produce a new play every senson." Their new piece is the several that they have produced is igh their career to produce a new overy season. Their new plete is sewenth that they have produced in career of fourteen years as stars, season's comedy is in line with their er successes, but is the most preous they have ever had, and Mr. Selden, who has written many fassuccesses, and who is the authoris, has provided them with excellent ils, has provided them with excellent in this plece, after the action gots, they are not quite so friendly, best the plece concurs a letter which gone astray. Murray's daughter in play writes a love letter to Mack's which falls into the hands of the junior. The senior mey immediately thinks that Mrs. In, who is the stage wife of Mursien, who is the stage wife of Mursien in love with him, and proceeds a himself up and begin a fliration O'Brien's wife, much to her annoy- In the three acts there is much iment caused by Sweeney trying to love to Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. O'Br sixteen hundred dollars. Much new music will be introduced and scenery complete for the entire production will be carried. The company this season also have an expert electrician who has complete charge of the light effects, some of which will be found to be very beautiful.

Haverly's Minstrels.

The many lovers of old-time minstels will be pleased to learn that the famous old Haverly show appears at the Casino all this week.

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The type of minstrelsy presented by this grand'old organization is always of a first-class calibre, the singers, dancers and comedians of this season's offering are selected from the ranks of capable burnt-cork artists, each and every one a head-liner in his own line.

Billy Beard, "the party from the South," is making the hit of his career this season. As a comedian Beard easily heads them all in minstrelsy his humor is spontaneous and extremoly funny, keeping his auditors in roars of laughter during his presence on the stage.

The assistingt multi-provokers are william A. Morris, Clifford Van, George Sardel, Val Huss and Henry Hunt. The ollo features are Jacobs and Sardel, who challed the miscal maryels; the great Lynch, "the prodigious equilibrist" [Moonlight in Dixis," the big singing and dancing number, and Billy Beard, "in his own baimitable monologue."

Barton Heights Music.

Three very fine selections will be sung by the Young People's Quartette to-night at the Methodist Church. This will be the last night that they will sing.

The following is the music that will be rendered: "To Deum" (festivat) in C flat, Dudley Buck; "Send Out Thy Light," Charles Gouned; "Lead, Kindly Light," John B. Dykes.

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SONNET FROM THE PORTUGUESE

By ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING.

The portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, of Elizabeth Barrett Browning have already appeared in this sories.

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight For the ends of Being and Ideal Grace. I love thee to the level of every day's Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light. I love thee freely, as men strive for Right; I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise; I love thee with the passion put to use In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith; I love thee with a love I seemed to lose With my lost saints,—I love thee with the breath, Smiles, tears, of all my life!—and, if God choose, I shall but love thee better after death.

MEANEST MAN LIVING, SAYS HE

Carter, Who Gambled With Man's Freedom Money.

GAVE EVIDENCE FROM CHAIR

Could Not Stand Up to Talk.

field in court yesterday morning.

Sunday night, Ah lost de money snooting craps. Den Ah got sick, but Ah were coming back en pay de money soon as Ah got tirely well," explained Carter.

"And Sadler was going to stay in jail and be merry while you were playing craps with the money to liberate him, eh? Nigger, you are about the meanest one I have ever seen. Not only do you make the city feed this nigger overtime, but you rob the city of the amount of the fine. I wish I could hang you, you black rascal. There ain't going to be anybody

| MIXED FIGHT

Justice John Says This of Sam Temperance People on Both Sides of a Liquor Election.

LIQUOR MEN FOR DISPENSARY

Lou Bell So Used Up That She Mandamus Proceedings to Compel Aldermen to Order Election.

> (Special by Southern Bell Telephone.)
> RALEIGH, N. C., August 25.-A proceeding against the Raleigh Board of the Aldermen to order an election on the

in accordance with the petition presented by Rev. S. J. Betts, which was at the time turned down by the Board of Aldermen on the ground that there was no provision in the Watts or Ward acts for an election to be called to vote on prohibition in this Btate.

The complaint as filed has no foundation in law. Counsel for Rev. Betts and his associates are W. A. Montgomery, of the Supreme Court, and J. C. L. Harris. The petition is to be heard in Smithfield on September 10th by Judge Webb. This is a fight in which the remarkable conditions exist that the element of citizenship which led this off for the present dispensary as a stopping-stone to prohibition of the content of the and will be supported by the saloon ele-ment as well as a faction of the regular

TRINITY COLLEGE

Mayor Orders Down Objection-

Algory Christon, Barbert of the will a better from the company of the company of

SCHOONER LOAD

Protracted Meetings Draw Large Crowds in Isle of Wight.

Their Boats for the Season's Work.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) -FERGUSSON'S WHARF, August 25.-The peanut market, which has been quite dull for the past two months has been thousand bushels have been sold for three and three and one-quarter

Messrs. W. P. Wilson & Company, of this place, made the largest shipment this week ever made at one time from this port. They loaded a schooner for Philadelphia with over 1,800 bags.

Crops of both corn and peanuts have suffered from too much rain, but if we have good weather now there will be a good crop made. The fodder pulling has commenced, and a good many farmers have already saved a good part of their crop.

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The protrected meetings have commenced, and wise chickens are roosting high. All-day meetings were held at Bacon's Castle Baptist Church last week. The pastor, Rev. Mr. King, was assisted by Dr. M. E. Broduss, of Missouri, who years ago was pastor of this charge. Large crowds were to hearnim, notwithstanding it rained almost every day. Our Baptist friends don't let a little rain keep them from a fine sermion and a big dinner.

There is right much slokness, and the doctors are kept on the go day and night.

Mr. Waverly Madera, one of the best citizens of this section and a member of Nicholson Lodge, I. O. O. F., has been very ill for some time, but is getting much better. The nurse from Norfolk, firnished by the Odd Fellows, returned home Monday;

'Dr. W. L. Ward took Mr. Joe Pitman to St. 'Vincent's Hospital this week to see if something could not be done to afford him some relief, but the surgeons decided it would be unwise to operate on him. This is a very ead case. He is suffering from some cancerous affection of the stomach, and has been to the Memorial Hospital in Richmond and to Dr. Leigh's in Norfolk before, and they have all decided his case as hopeless.

Mr. Floyd Reams, wife and little daughter are visiting their cousin, Dr. E. P. Turner. The leatherburg and two children of

Misses Elizabeth and Sarah Wilson, who have been at the White Sulpiur for the last two months, came home to-day. Misses Rose and Evelyn Turner have Hon, and Mrs. T. N. Jones, of "Clif-ton," and Mrs. T. N. Jones, of "Clif-ton," and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Warren and son are at the Warm Sulphur. Mr. John G. Wilson and family are at the White Sulphur for the summer.

Virginia Beach.

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Rockbridge Alum Springs for

The beach at Burwell's Bay, is cre

The beach at Burwell's Bay, is crowded every day, rain or shine. Plente, fishing and crabbing and camping parties are here all the time. A large crowd of young men from Clairmont have been camping here this week.

Miss Ray Wharton, of Chestnut Hill, is visiting friends in Smithfield.

The coystermen are busy overhauling and painting their boats, getting ready for work as soon as the season opens, the prospects for a good supply of oysters are favorable. The oysters are large and fat for this time of the year.

SECRET MARRIAGE.

People Keep It From Their Friends Eight Months.

nouncement was made to day of the mar-riage on January 1st, at Polham, N. C., of Miss Zeille Phillips, daughter of W. P. Phillips, and W. D. Turner, a prom-inent young busines man. Only half a dozen people were in the secret, which was assiduously kept.

The young couple will make their home in this city,

FOR PLAYING CARDS

Attachments Against Sellers

Mayor Orders Down Objectionable Signs.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

I wish I could hang you, you black rascal. There ain't going to be anybody to set you out for four months, and if I happened to forset myself and issue a pardon for you, I certainly hope that the messenger will jese it on the way. It's one hundred and twenty days for you."

Chair for Lou Bell.

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Tou Bell, a negro woman, was alleged to have sicely Lillian Carter with a kinden and there was much confusion at the time, Lou Bell had to recline in a chair will she was testifying. Lillian, a study in deep brown, was adorned in a great display or red apparel and said that she had been disdeinfully done up by Lou.

Lou was fined \$5\$, but when the officer testified about the case, and Lou's one think had been disdeinfully done up by Lou.

Lou was fined \$5\$, but when the officer testified about the case, and Lou's one feating and any warrant was issued for Lillian.

But while the case was progressing, said said where mouth, she wanted to toll the "truth erbout de matter."

"What are you chewing?" sternly asked the Cong. John.

"Huha?" said Sadle Bell Brown.

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Petersburg's New National Bank Building to Have Fine Apartments.

THE BEACH AT BURWELL'S BAY THE AMUSEMENT SEASON

Oystermen Busy Overhauling | The Ten Councils of the Junior Order of Mechanics in Virginia.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., August 28.—The Rosebud Society of Matokoa Methodist Church will hold rally services Sunday afternoon, and an interesting program has been propared for the occasion. At night a service will be held in the interest of education, and addresses will be delivered by a number of gentlemen.

The condition of Mr. Samuel Y. Gilliam, treasurer of Dinwiddle county, who has been at the Virginia Hot Springs seeking health for some time, is reported as improved.

The new national bank building now approaching completion will have on its second floor five suites of elegant double offices, all of which have been engaged.

The Young Men's Christian Association building, now owned by the Appomation Trust Company, is having its upper floors converted into offices, of which there will be twenty-five or thirty. The auditorium hall of the building will be improved and retained for amusement and concert purposes. The new Mollwaine building has three floors of offices, all occupied.

The amusement season will open in Potersburg on September 4th, There will be many attractions during the season and the management promises the best theatrical year in our history.

The ten leading councils of the Junior Order of Mechanics, an order which is steadily growing in the number of councils and membership in Virgina, are named as follows, the membership being corrected according to the June returns: Liberty Council, No. 12, Richmond, 285 members; Parksley Council, No. 114, Parksley, 428 members; Patriok Henry Council, No. 12, Richmond, 285 members; Aurora Council, No. 11, Richmond, 285 members; Aurora Council, No. 11, Richmond, 285 members; Aurora Council, No. 11, Richmond, 285 members; Aurora Council, No. 18, Richmond, 285 members; Aurora Council, No. 18, Richmond, 285 members; Aurora Council, No. 18, Richmond, 285 members; Aurora Council, No. 20, Berkley, 368 members; Aurora Council, No. 20, Berkley, 368 members; Aurora Council, No. 28, Berkley, 368 members; Aurora Council, No. 28, Berkley, 36

bear the banners of honor for the largest membership.

There will be no formal celebration of Labor Day in this bity beyond its observance as a holiday. It is understood that many of the memers of the labor unions will visit Richmond and Norfolk to join in the exercises in those cities. Judge and Mrs. J. M. Mullen left today for the Valley of Virginia to spend several weeks. The Judge will return in time to hold the September term of the Hustings Court, for which a number of cases have been docketed.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Mr. Marchant, of Charlottesville,

Chosen Superintendent,

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BCOTTSVILLE, VA., August 25.—The
Albemarie Sunday School Convention, held
in the Episcopal Church here, closed
friday afternoon, after two days of earnest work. Professor Stone, of the University of Virginia, was elected chairman
of the convention, and Mr. Marchant, of
Charlotteaville, president. Mr. Marchant
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After the reports of schools were given in on Thursday, Dr. Brude R. Payne, of the University of Virginia, made a splendid address on "The Sunday School Superintendent—The Kind of Man and How to Get Him." Rev. J. W. Biedsoe, D. D., delivered the beautiful memorial to Captain Vawter, Many other friends of Captain Vawter told touching stories of his life, among them being Professor Stone, a close comrade.

Those who heard Rev. W. E. Hatcher, D. D., on Thursday evening were charmed with his eloquence. His subject was "The Broken Stair."

"The Cultivation of a Missionary Spirit in the Sunday School" occupied the remainder of the afternoom Friday. A most instructive talk was given on this subject by the Rev. T. A. Hodge, followed by the Rev. H. B. Lee, who spoke rapidly, but most eloquently, and touch stream of the intercent of with the professor of the country of with the country of with the professor.

tion to look at the question from both sides, his son having just gone out as a foreign missionary, Dr. R. K. Flannagan was the third speaker.
"God Be With Xou Till We Meet Again" was sung at the close. tion to look at the question from

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THE DATH OF OFFICE

Richmond, Va.

monies in the Clerk's

STUART, VA., August 25 .- At 4 o'clock

Judicial Circuit of Virginia. The oath of Patrick Circuit Court, in the presence of quite a number of friends of the new judge, Short talks were made by Attorneys S. A. Thompson and R. E. Woolwine, and by the Clerk and Deputy Col-

Mr. Taylor, the clerk, presented the Bible on which the Judge took the cath of office to the little three-year-old daughter of the Judge.

In response to the talks, Judge Harvey made an appropriate epeach, in which he expressed his gratitude for the gen-

he expressed his gratitude for the gen-erous supprt of his friends and his deep appreciation of the responsibility resting upon him in his new position.

Johnnie Tramping Again.

Halifax Affairs.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SCOTTBBURG, VA., August 25.—The
Roanoke District High School, located
at Scottsburg, has a most promising outlook for an excellent session during the
coming year.
Professor C. W. Owen, of Tennesses,
who is a graduate of Richmend College,
is the principal and he will have an able
corps of assistants, all of whom have
had many years of experience in the
work.
Nearly all the young people of our town
are at Drake's Branch to-day, witnessing
a contest game of baseball which is the
timed contest between the boys of the
two towns, Scottaburg having been succaseful in the two previous games,
The tobacco market has opened here
and farmers are bringing in their teaf
duily.

Mr. Jere Lovelace is retained on this

CORNER-STONE LAID AT SCOTTSVILLE

Senator Thomas S. Martin Speaks With Hearty Good

(Special to The Times-Dapaten.)
SCOTTSVILLE, VA., August 25.—Senator Thomas S. Martin was the principal speaker at the laying of the cornerstone of the new high school here Friday afternoon.
Surounded by relatives and the friends

of boyhood and maturer years, he made a speech full of hearty good-will, of praiso for the public school system and of the

members present.

A box placed in a receptacle in the ston contained codies of the local papers, the local papers, the local papers, the second of the local papers, the second of the local papers, the local papers are local papers. names of the sensor commissions, Joseph and trustees, coins and other mementoes. The crowd in attendance was large, in-cluding the members of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention, which had just closed after two days' session.

CIRCUS AT BLUEFIELD.

So Much Passenger Traffic That Freights Were Annulled.

(Special to The Times Dispatch?

BLUBFIELD, W. VA. Agust 25.—John Robinson's Circus oxhibited here to-day and broke the record. Bluefield's population of 18,000 was present, besides 40,000 visitors. The show gave two performances this afternoon and one to-night to 45,000 people.

Railroad freight traffic was annulled, owing to special trains bringing people from coal fields and surrounding country.